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SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Common/Usual Name: System, Irrigation, Urological

Proprietary Name: FLO Assistant

Classification: Unclassified

Materials:

The main unit of the Flo Assistant is fabricated from aluminum and stainless steel. Enclosed in the main unit is the squeezing mechanism which is simply a brake caliper manufactured from aluminum. The caliper is activated by a cable assembly which runs down to the pedal mechanism which is also manufactured from aluminum and stainless steel.

Description:

The Flo Assistant is designed to be used with the Nortech® 7-510-29, Flo Assist tubing set for increased fluid capacity. The device is comprised of a main unit, cable and foot pedal assembly.

Substantial Equivalence:

Northgate's Flo Assistant is a mechanical device that is substantially equivalent in design materials, and intended use to numerous currently marketed devices. Other manufacturers of similar devices are Microvasive and B.Braun.

Intended Use:

The Nortech® Flo Assistant shall be used in conjunction with the Nortech® #7-510-29, Flo Assist irrigation tubing set product for increased capacity fluid irrigation during endoscopic procedures.

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Public Health Service

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Mr. Casey Kurek
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Re: K001325
Flo-Assistant Model 4-250-00
Dated: July 25, 2000
Received: July 27, 2000
Unclassified
Procode: 78 LJH

Dear Mr. Kurek:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4591. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html".

Sincerely yours,

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Captain, USPHS
Director, Division of Reproductive,
Abdominal, and Radiological Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
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Enclosure(s)

510 (k) Number (If known): K001325

Device Name: Flo Assistant

Indications For Use:

THE NORTECH FLO ASSISTANT UNIT IS INDICATED TO PROVIDE A SQUEEZING MECHANISM TO THE NORTECH FLO-ASSIST IRRIGATION TUBING SET PRODUCT FOR INCREASED CAPACITY FLUID IRRIGATION DURING ENDOSCOPIC UROLOGY PROCEDURES.

Casey Kurek

C. Kurek, Regulatory Manager

(PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-CONTINUE ON ANOTHER PAGE IF NEEDED)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use ✓ OR Over-The-Counter Use _____
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of Reproductive, Abdominal, ENT,
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